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### Education

- 1994 Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Notre Dame  
1991 M.A. in Philosophy, University of Notre Dame  
1988 B.A., with Honors in Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, Vanderbilt University

**Areas of Specialization** Medieval Philosophy, History of Ethics

**Areas of Competence** Ancient Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, Contemporary Ethics

### Professional Experience

- 2005- Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of South Florida  
2005-2006 Alvin Plantinga Fellow, Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame  
2002-2005 Associate Professor of Philosophy, The University of Iowa  
1996-2002 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, The University of Iowa  
1994-1996 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Creighton University

### Publications

#### Book

*Anselm*. Co-authored with Sandra Visser. Great Medieval Thinkers. Forthcoming from Oxford University Press, October 2008.

#### Edited Volumes

*Thomas Aquinas: Disputed Questions on the Virtues*. Margaret Atkins, translator. Cambridge University Press, 2005.

*The Cambridge Companion to Duns Scotus*. Cambridge University Press, 2003.

#### Journal Articles

"The Divine Nature and Scotus's Libertarianism: A Reply to Mary Beth Ingham," forthcoming in *Medieval Philosophy and Theology*

"God Who Sows the Seed and Gives the Growth: Anselm's Theology of the Holy Spirit," *Anglican Theological Review* 89 (2007): 611-627.

"Nad metodou historie filosofie" ("On method in the history of philosophy"), *Studia Neoaristotelica* 2 (2005): 214-218.

"The Doctrine of Univocity Is True and Salutory," *Modern Theology* 21 (2005): 575-585.

- "Moral Vice, Cognitive Virtue: Jane Austen on Jealousy and Envy," *Philosophy and Literature* 27 (2003): 222-229.
- "Two Aspects of Platonic Recollection," *Apeiron* 35 (2002): 131-152.
- "Anselm's Account of Freedom" (with Sandra Visser), *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 31 (2001): 221-244.
- "Lying, Deception, and the Virtue of Truthfulness: A Reply to Garcia," *Faith and Philosophy* 17 (2000): 242-248.
- "A Most Methodical Lover? On Scotus's Arbitrary Creator," *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 38 (2000): 169-202.
- "The Unmitigated Scotus," *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 80 (1998): 162-181.
- "The Libertarian Foundations of Scotus's Moral Philosophy," *The Thomist* 62 (1998): 193-215.
- "Reason, Morality, and Voluntarism in Duns Scotus: A Pseudo-Problem Dissolved," *The Modern Schoolman* 74 (1997): 73-94.
- "How Scotus Separates Morality from Happiness," *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 69 (1995): 425-445.

### Book Chapters

- "Describing God," in Robert Pasnau, ed., *The Cambridge History of Medieval Philosophy*, forthcoming.
- "Anselm," in Graham Oppy and Nick Trakakis, eds., *History of Western Philosophy of Religion*, in press.
- "Anselm on Truth" (with Sandra Visser), in Brian Davies and Brian Leftow, eds., *The Cambridge Companion to Anselm*, 204-221. Cambridge University Press, 2005.
- "Anselm's Account of Freedom" (with Sandra Visser), in Brian Davies and Brian Leftow, eds., *The Cambridge Companion to Anselm*, 179-203. Cambridge University Press, 2005.
- "Sin, Grace, and Redemption," in Jeffrey Brower and Kevin Guilfooy, eds., *The Cambridge Companion to Abelard*, 258-278. Cambridge University Press, 2004.
- "Transmission and Translation," in A. S. McGrade, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Medieval Philosophy*, 328-346. Cambridge University Press, 2003.
- "From Metaethics to Action Theory," in Thomas Williams, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Duns Scotus*, 332-51. Cambridge University Press, 2003.
- "Introduction: The Life and Works of John Duns the Scot," in Thomas Williams, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Duns Scotus*, 1-14. Cambridge University Press, 2003.
- "Augustine vs Plotinus: The Uniqueness of the Vision at Ostia," in John Inglis, ed., *Medieval Philosophy and the Classical Tradition in Islam, Judaism, and Christianity*, 169-179. Curzon Press, 2002.
- "Biblical Interpretation," in Norman Kretzmann and Eleonore Stump, eds., *The Cambridge Companion to Augustine*, 59-70. Cambridge University Press, 2001.
- "A Reply to the Ramsey Colloquium," in John Corvino, ed., *Same Sex: Debating the Ethics, Science, and Culture of Homosexuality*, 69-80. Studies in Social, Political and Legal Philosophy. Rowman & Littlefield, 1997.

### Encyclopedia Articles

- "John Duns Scotus," in A. C. Grayling and Andrew Pyle, eds., *Continuum Encyclopedia of British Philosophy*. London: Thoemmes/Continuum, 2006.
- "Gaunilo," in Donald Borchert, ed., *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2006.

"John Duns Scotus," in Gavin McGrath and W. C. Campbell-Jack, eds., *The New Dictionary of Christian Apologetics*, 228. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 2006.

"John Duns Scotus," in Edward N. Zalta, ed., *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2001, URL = <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/duns-scotus/> (revised and updated, 2007)

"Saint Anselm," in Edward N. Zalta, ed., *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2000, URL = <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/anselm/> (revised and updated, 2007)

"Farrer, Austin Marsden," in Edward Craig, ed., *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 3: 560-561. London and New York: Routledge, 1998.

## Translations

*Anselm: Basic Writings*. Hackett Publishing Company, 2007.

*Anselm: Three Philosophical Dialogues: On Truth, On Freedom of Choice, On the Fall of the Devil*. Hackett Publishing Company, 2002.

*Proslogion, with the Replies of Gaunilo and Anselm*. Hackett Publishing Company, 2001.

*Monologion and Proslogion, with the Replies of Gaunilo and Anselm*. Hackett Publishing Company, 1996.

Anselm's *Proslogion*, Gaunilo's *Reply on Behalf of the Fool*, and Anselm's *Reply to Gaunilo*, in Steven M. Cahn, ed., *Classics of Western Philosophy*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., 377-404. Hackett Publishing Company, 1995.  
Reprinted in 5<sup>th</sup> ed., 308-328, 1999; reprinted in 6<sup>th</sup> ed., 379-399, 2002.

*Augustine: On Free Choice of the Will*. Hackett Publishing Company, 1993.

Reprinted in part in Stephen M. Cahn, ed., *Classics of Western Philosophy*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. (Hackett Publishing Company, 2002), 338-352; in Daniel Robinson, ed., *The Mind* (Oxford University Press, 1998), 26-32; and in Derk Pereboom, ed., *Free Will* (Hackett Publishing Company, 1997), 19-33.

## Reviews

Review of Alexander W. Hall, *Thomas Aquinas and John Duns Scotus: Natural Theology in the High Middle Ages* (New York-London: Continuum, 2007), forthcoming in *Journal of the History of Philosophy*.

Review of James J. O'Donnell, *Augustine: A New Biography* (New York: HarperCollins, 2005), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2007 (URL = <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=8703>).

"Aquinas in Dialogue with Contemporary Philosophy: Eleonore Stump's *Aquinas*," *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 79 (2005): 483-491.

Review of Tobias Hoffmann, *Creatura intellecta: Die Ideen und Possibilien bei Duns Scotus mit Ausblick auf Franz von Mayronis, Poncius, und Mastrius* (Münster: Aschendorff, 2002), *Speculum* 79 (2004): 206-208.

Review of Giorgio Pini, *Categories and Logic in Duns Scotus: An Interpretation of Aristotle's Categories in the Late Thirteenth Century* (Köln: Brill, 2002), *History and Philosophy of Logic* 24 (2003): 69-71.

Review of A. S. McGrade, John Kilcullen, and Matthew Kempshall, eds., *The Cambridge Translations of Medieval Philosophical Texts: Volume 2 – Ethics and Political Philosophy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001), *The Philosophical Review* 111 (2002): 576-578.

Review of John E. Hare, *God's Call: Moral Realism, God's Commands, & Human Autonomy* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2001), *The Thomist* 66 (2002): 477-81.

Review of Ralph McInerny, *Characters in Search of Their Author: The Gifford Lectures, 1999-2000* (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2001), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2002. (URL = <http://ndpr.icaap.org/content/archives/2002/1/williams-mcinerny.html>)

"Recent Work on Saint Augustine," *Philosophical Books* 41 (2000): 145-153.

Review of William A. Frank and Allan B. Wolter, *Duns Scotus: Metaphysician* (West Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press, 1995), *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 43 (1998): 125-127.

Review essay on Toivo J. Holopainen, *Dialectic and Theology in the Eleventh Century* (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1996), *History and Philosophy of Logic* 18 (1997): 55-59.

## Work in Progress

"*Concupiscentia oculorum*: The Other Lust in Augustine's *Confessions*," for *The Cambridge Critical Guide to Augustine's Confessions*, ed. William E. Mann and Gareth B. Matthews

"The Franciscans," for *The Oxford Handbook of the History of Ethics*, ed. Roger Crisp

"Human Freedom and Agency," for *The Oxford Handbook of Thomas Aquinas*, ed. Brian Davies and Eleonore Stump

"John Duns Scotus" and "Voluntarism," for *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christian Theology*, ed. David Fergusson, Karen Kilby, Iain Torrance, and Ian McFarland

## Presentations

"*Credo ut mirer*: Anselm on Sacred Beauty," Center for Medieval and Early Modern Studies, University of Colorado, February 2008

"Anselm on the Trinity," Midwest Conference on Medieval Philosophy, October 2007

"Univocity, Radical Orthodoxy, and the New Apophaticism," 41<sup>st</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2006

Comments on Zach Manis, "On Moral and Religious Obligations: Some Problems for Metaethical Divine Command Theories," American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, April 2006

"Anselm on the Reason of Faith," Society of Christian Philosophers, Midwest Regional Meeting, April 2006

"Anselm on Thought and Language," Wayne State University, March 2006

"Unruly Wills and Affections: Anselm as Moral Theorist and Moral Adviser," Alvin Plantinga Fellow Lecture, University of Notre Dame, February 2006

"Augustine and the Platonists," Christ College, Valparaiso University, December 2005, December 2004, October 2003

"*True Confessions*: How Augustine Got It Together," Calvin College, October 2005

"Anselm on Modality" (with Sandra Visser), Midwest Medieval Philosophy Conference, September 2005

"The Doctrine of Univocity Is True and Salutary," Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, June 2005

Faculty Development Workshop on Augustine's *Confessions*, William Jewell College, May 2005

"Method and Metaphysics in Aquinas's Account of Temperance," University of South Florida, January 2005

"Restoring Duns Scotus to Disrepute: A Reply to Critics," Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, June 2004

"Aquinas and the Ethics of Virtue," University of Nebraska at Omaha, April 2004

"Scotus and the Blazing Phantasms," Midwest Medieval Philosophy Conference, September 2003

"Psychology, Semantics, and Science in Duns Scotus," NEH Summer Seminar on Aristotle on Meaning and Thought, San Diego, CA, July 2003

"Anselm on Truth," Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, May 2003

- "Method and Metaphysics in Aquinas's Account of Temperance," Conference on the Ethics of Aquinas, Saint Louis University, April 2003
- Comments on Scott MacDonald, "Metajudgment in Aquinas's Moral Psychology," Pacific Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, March 2003
- "Putting Together Augustine's *Confessions*," Christ College, Valparaiso University, October 2002, December 2001, November 2000
- "*Quaestio*: Was Aquinas a Natural Law Theorist?" Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto, March 2002
- Comments on Richard Cross, "Divisibility, Predicability, and Communicability in John Duns Scotus," Eastern Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, December 2001
- "Anselm's Account of Freedom," Department of Philosophy, University of Iowa, November 2001
- "Moral Vice, Cognitive Virtue: Jane Austen on Jealousy and Envy," Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, October 2001
- Comments on Stephanie Beardman, "The Normativity of the Instrumental Principle: A Preliminary Proposal," Eastern Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, December 2000
- "Sin, Grace, and Redemption in Peter Abelard," Midwest Seminar in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Marquette University, September 2000
- "Anselm's Account of Freedom," Cornell Summer Colloquium on Medieval Philosophy, Cornell University, June 2000
- "Anselm on Freedom and Evil" (with Sandra Visser), Conference on God and Evil, Calvin College, May 2000
- Comments on H. P. McDonald, "Against Nature: Toward a Critique of Nature and Naturalism," and John Corvino, "First Gays, then Polygamists?" Society for Lesbian and Gay Philosophy, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, April 2000
- "Freedom and Alternative Possibilities in *De casu diaboli*," Conference on Saint Anselm, His Origins and Influence, Saint Anselm College, March/April 2000
- "*Quaestio*: Utrum b. Thomas sit propugnator doctrinae legis naturalis?" Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, Cornell University, June 1999
- "Augustine vs Plotinus: The Uniqueness of the Vision at Ostia," Colloquium on the Classical Tradition in Medieval Philosophy, University of Dayton, April 1999
- "Elenchus, *Eros*, and Prior Knowledge of the Forms: Reflections on Platonic Recollection," Department of Philosophy, University of Iowa, February 1999
- "Who Recollects What? *Anamnesis* in the *Meno*," Eastern Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, December 1998
- "How to be a Platonist and a Liberal," Obermann Humanities Symposium, University of Iowa, October 1998
- "Divine Artistry and Divine Arbitrariness in Duns Scotus," Thirty-Third International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 1998; Medieval and Early Modern Colloquium Series, University of Iowa, March 1998
- "On the Rationality of Scotus's God," Eastern Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, December 1997
- "Scotus's Voluntarism and our Natural Knowledge of the Moral Law," Central Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, April 1997
- "Right Reason and Voluntarism in Duns Scotus: A Pseudo-Problem Dissolved," Pacific Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, March 1997

- "Too Much Like the Real Thing: Friendship in Augustine's *Confessions*," Central Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, April 1996; Department of Philosophy and Religion, University of Nebraska at Omaha, March 1996; Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, October 1995
- "The Unmitigated Scotus," Society of Christian Philosophers, Pacific Regional Meeting, April 1996
- "The Libertarian Foundations of Scotus's Moral Philosophy," Philosophy Department, University of Iowa, February 1996
- "What Kind of Divine Command Theory Did Scotus Hold?" Society of Christian Philosophers, Midwest Regional Conference, April 1995
- "Why Scotus Repudiated Eudaimonistic Ethics," Philosophy Department, Cornell University, September 1994
- "The Moral Psychology of John Duns Scotus," Philosophy Department, Emory University, February 1994; Philosophy Department, Georgetown University, January 1994

## Honors and Awards

University of Iowa	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Collegiate Teaching Award, 2005
University of Notre Dame	Graduate School Award in the Humanities, 1995
Vanderbilt University	Founder's Medalist (valedictorian), College of Arts and Science, 1988 Phi Beta Kappa, 1988

## Teaching

<i>Undergraduate</i>	Introduction to Philosophy Introduction to Ethics Philosophy and Human Nature Ancient Philosophy The Search for the Self in Late Antiquity Medieval Philosophy Philosophy of Religion Classics of Christian Thought
<i>Graduate</i>	Aristotle's Ethics Augustine's <i>Confessions</i> Augustine, Anselm, Abelard Anselm History of Ethics: A History of Virtue Theory History of Ethics: Ancient and Medieval The Ethics of Thomas Aquinas Reason in the Ethics of Aquinas and Scotus Metaethics and Action Theory from Augustine to Scotus Natural Theology in Aquinas, Scotus, and Ockham Major Themes in Aquinas, Scotus, and Ockham

<i>Graduate readings</i>	Aristotle's Logic Philosophy in Christian Antiquity Aquinas's Theory of Knowledge
<i>Video course</i>	Reason and Faith: Philosophy in the Middle Ages (The Teaching Company, 2007)

## Service

### To the profession

#### Refereeing: Books and Book Proposals

Cambridge University Press (2008, 2002)  
Oxford University Press (2007, 2005, 2003, 2001)  
Hackett Publishing Company (2007, 1999)  
University of Notre Dame Press (2004)  
Catholic University of America Press (2003, 2002, 2001)  
Peter Lang Publishers (1998)  
W. W. Norton & Co. (1998)  
Cornell University Press (1997)  
SUNY Press (1994)

#### Refereeing: Articles

*Faith and Philosophy* (2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001)  
*Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* (2006)  
*Journal of the History of Philosophy* (2005)  
*American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* (2005)  
*Medieval Philosophy and Theology* (2000, 1999, 1998, 1996, 1994, 2000)  
*Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (1999)  
*Ancient Philosophy* (1998)  
*Journal of Philosophical Research* (1997 [3 times], 1998 [4 times])

#### Other

External reviewer for tenure and promotion, Saint Louis University, Fall 2007, Fall 2002  
Interviewed for program on the ethics of virtue, "Encounter," Australian Broadcasting Company, 15 October 2006  
External reviewer for tenure and promotion, Creighton University, Fall 2005  
Referee, Trinity College (Cambridge) Junior Research Fellowship Competition, 2005  
Member, Editorial Board, *Studies in the History of Ethics*, 2004-  
Survey respondent for the *Philosophical Gourmet Report*, 2004, 2002  
External reviewer for tenure and promotion, University of Delaware, Fall 2000  
President, Iowa Philosophical Society, 1999

## To the college

Member, Student Appeals Committee, 2004-2005  
Member, Dewey B. Stuit Selection Committee (honors scholarships), 2004  
Member, Review Committee, Honors Program, 2003  
Member, Liberal Arts and Sciences Scholarship Committee, 2002  
Member, Dewey B. Stuit Selection Committee, 2001  
Member, Faculty Assembly, 1998-1999

## To the department

Department of Philosophy Undergraduate Committee, Fall 2007-  
Department of Religious Studies Graduate Committee, Fall 2006-  
Department of Religious Studies Faculty Advisory Committee, Chair, 2006-2007  
Department of Philosophy Graduate Committee, 2006-2007  
Philosophy of mind search committee and interview team, 2003-2004  
Early modern philosophy search committee and interview team, 2001-2002  
Lectures and Arrangements Committee: Spring 2003-2005 (Chair, Spring 2003-Spring 2005), Fall 1998-  
Spring 2000 (Chair, Spring 2000)  
Graduate Studies Committee: Fall 2000-Fall 2002 (Acting Chair, Spring 2001), Spring 1998-Fall 1999  
Library Acquisitions Committee: Fall 1996-Spring 1999

## Research Funding

### Internal

University of South Florida Creative Research Grant, Summer 2007 (\$5524 to complete work on *Anselm*)  
College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Development Grant, Summer 2007 (\$1000 grant for project on  
analyzing theological texts)  
Arts and Humanities Initiative, Summer 2002 (\$6000 summer stipend)  
Arts and Humanities Initiative, Summer 2000 (\$1050 for research assistant for work on Jane Austen)  
New Technologies in the Learning Environment, Summer 2000 (\$3000 for instructional technology and  
training)  
Old Gold Fellowship, Summer 1997 (\$4055.56 for summer archival work on Duns Scotus at Oxford)  
International Travel Grant, Summer 1997 (\$550 for travel to Oxford for archival work)  
Vice-President for Research Discretionary Fund (\$675.74 to acquire microfilms of manuscripts)

### External

NEH Summer Seminar: Aristotle on Meaning and Thought, led by Prof. Deborah Modrak and Prof. Mark  
Wheeler, June 30-August 1, 2003 (\$3250)  
Quests for the Historical Jesus, led by Prof. Robert Gundry, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA, June  
26-July 1, 2000 (\$500 + travel, food, and lodging)  
Calvin College Summer Seminar in Christian Scholarship: Seminar on God and Evil, led by Prof. Peter  
van Inwagen, June 21-July 30, 1999 (\$2950 + travel and lodging)

## Dissertation Advising

(in the Philosophy Department at the University of Iowa unless otherwise indicated)

### As director

Edward Matusek (USF), *Evil in Augustine's Confessions*, in progress

Brett Gaul, *Augustine's Rejection of Pagan Moral Philosophy*, defended 21 September 2007

Thomas P. Scheck (Interdisciplinary Studies), *The Reception of Origen's Commentary on Romans*, defended December 2003

### As member of the committee

Jordan Copeland (Religious Studies), *Rehearsals for Engagement: The Moral Practice of Friendship and the Cultivation of Social Concern*, defended 11 May 2007

Verna Maria Ehret (Religious Studies), *Globalization and the Future of a Theology of Redemption: Beyond Fundamentalism and Postmodernism*, defended 11 May 2007

T. A. Sandberg, *Thomas Reid's Providentialist Epistemology*, defended 29 November 2004

David C. Noe (Classics), *Oikeiosis, Ratio, and Natura: The Stoic Challenge to Cicero's Academism in Fin. and ND*, defended 26 April 2003

Benjamin D. Hill, *Studies in the Understructure: The Semiotic Basis of John Locke's Empirical Epistemology*, defended 17 April 2003

Albert David Anders (Religion), *Prophets from the Ranks of Shepherds: John Calvin and the Challenge of Popular Religion (1532-1555)*, defended 6 December 2002

Samuel J. Huskey (Classics), *Ovid's Tristia I & III: An Intertextual Katabasis*, defended 11 April 2002

Svetoslava Slaveva (Classics), *Multiplicity in Plotinus*, defended 28 March 2000

Daniel Frederick Eppley (Religion), *A Convenient Faith: Royal Supremacy and the Definition of Christian Doctrine in Tudor England*, defended 29 October 1999

Elysa Rachael Koppelman, *The Problems with Internalism: Practical Deliberation and the Moral Agent*, defended 14 June 1999

David Michael Simpson (History), *The Moral Battlefield: Venereal Disease and the British Army During the Second World War*, defended 10 November 1998

Russell L. Friedman (History), *'In Principio Erat Verbum': The Incorporation of Philosophical Psychology into Trinitarian Theology, 1250-1325*, defended 31 January 1997

John M. Beaudoin, *The Cumulative Approach to Natural Theology*, defended 1 May 1997